GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
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PRIVATE AND PUBLIC COAL MINES
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of private and public coal mines functioning in Chhatisgarh and Madhya Pradesh at present, separately;

(b) whether there are any variations in safety rules of mines under private ownership and under Coal India Limited (CIL);

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any complaint, regarding transportation and safety have been received from private coal mines of the above States;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the action taken by the Government thereon ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) : The number of private and public coal mines functioning at present in Chhatisgarh and Madhya Pradesh separately, are given below :-

State	Mines of the Public Sector Coal Companies/CIL	Private Coal Mines
Madhya Pradesh	76	-
Chhatisgarh	56	1

In private sector, Jindal Steel & Power Limited had started coal mining in Gare Palma IV/1coal block of Mand Raigarh coal field in Chhatisgarh. Though a number of private companies have been allotted coal blocks for captive mining for approved end uses in Chhatisgarh and Madhya Pradesh, the mines have not become functional as in some cases the end-use plantsare yet to be set up and in some other cases procedural requirements are yet to be complied with by the companies/parties for obtaining a mining lease.

(b) & (c): No, Sir. All rules & regulations relating to safety in coal mining are equally applicalble to the public sector coal mines and the coal mines in private sector.

(d): No complaint regarding transportation and safety have been received from the private coal mine of the above States.

(e) & (f): Do not arise in view of answer given to part (d).